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City of Elba officials vote to move forward with redistricting efforts

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba City Council members voted Monday evening, Jan. 8, to execute an agreement with the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission [SEARP&DC] for redistricting.

SEARP&DC conducted an analysis of Elba's 2020 Census population and determined there is need for redistricting within the city's five existing coun-

cil district. According to Scott Farmer, SEARP&DC executive director, the target population for Elba's five districts is 702 (derived from the 2020 Elba population of 3,508).

"Analysis shows that the most and least populous districts have a deviation of more than 10 percent from the target, which is the normally accepted maximum deviation for local governments," Farmer wrote in a letter to city officials.

He noted that District One is the most overpopulated district at 12.96 percent over target (793) and District Three is the most underpopulated district at 15.38 percent under target (594).

During Monday night's city council meeting, council members voted to expend \$2,500 to contract with SEARP&DC for them to prepare plans and assist the city with the adoption of a new redistricting plan.

The goal is to have the redistricting plan in plenty of time to prepare for the 2025 Municipal Election, according to Farmer.

City clerk Sally Bane presented the city's Rebuild Alabama Annual Report for approval. The report reflected that no Rebuild Alabama Act funds were expended in Fiscal Year 2023.

Bane said the opening balance on the account on Oct. 1, 2022 was \$50,568.70 and the closing balance on Sept. 30, 2023 was \$91,416.44.

Further, Bane noted the

Alabama Department of Transportation has opened the Fiscal Year 2024 Rebuild Alabama Act application process. She said the city is looking to submit an application hoping to acquire funds to help resurface three streets - Simmons, and part of Polka and Cordelia. The deadline for the application is early February.

Mayor Tom Maddox reported to council members that funds acquired by the city after the Elba Healthcare Authority was dissolved a few months back has been invested into CD's. There are a couple of different maturity dates on the CD's (six or twelve months), but the mayor said at maturity the CD's should generate over \$25,000 in funds off those monies.

The council approved a proclamation recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Elba. In approving the proclamation, Mayor Maddox said he encourages all citizens to join in raising the visibility of this crime and to become more informed about ways to prevent, recognize and respond to potential victims of human trafficking in the community.

"Together, we can become more informed and take steps to create a community that is trafficking free," Maddox said.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK...During the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening, Jan. 8, city clerk Sally Bane noted a new pedestrian crosswalk was now in place in front of the Dorsey Trailer manufacturing facility in Elba. This is something the company and city had been working on together to get in place for added safety measures for workers as they cross the street going to and from work each day.

Coffee County Commissioners take step forward to bring a public safety firearms range to county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners took a step forward Monday morning, Jan. 8, in getting a public safety firing range in Coffee County.

County administrator Rod Morgan noted the legislative delegation for the county had helped secure grant funds in the amount of \$600,000 for a public safety firing range to be constructed at the county's industrial park, which is located just off Hwy. 125 in Elba. He said the grand funds would be administered through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs [ADECA].

Morgan asked commissioners to approve a grant agreement between the county and ADECA for those funds. A motion to approve passed unanimously.

"We want to thank our legislative delegation for securing those funds for us," Morgan said.

Sheriff Scott Byrd expressed his excitement for the county to move forward with getting a shooting range in the county. He said it would be a great asset for the sheriff's department with training for deputies.

"We've never had that before in Coffee County," Byrd said. "I want to thank the commissioners for approving that grant, and I especially want to thank Mike Thornton for getting the ball rolling on the project."

He said the venue would include a classroom and pis-

tol range.

Commission chairman Dean Smith asked Sheriff Byrd if he thought gun safety classes would be offered to the public in the future at the new range once it is constructed, and the sheriff said he absolutely anticipated that being something offered to the public.

"I foresee that class being booked for months," Sheriff Byrd said regarding a public firing class.

The county administrator also received approval from commissioners during Monday's meeting to execute an easement agreement with Alabama Power at the site of the new State Bureau of Investigations building being constructed in Coffee County for the SBI and ABC Board.

County engineer Michael Walters received approval from commissioners to make the 2024 truck purchase for the highway department. He said this is done annually with the county's dump trucks to keep miles down and the vehicles under warranty.

"This is a program that has worked well for us for many years now," Walters said.

He said the trucks being purchased are scheduled for a June delivery. Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of five new dump trucks at \$197,500 per chassis and one truck-tractor to be utilized as the county's low-boy truck tractor at a cost of \$201,200.

Walters said these trucks would be purchased from Truck Works of Alabama using the ACCA [Association of Alabama County Commissions of Alabama] joint bid.

Also, upon Walters' request, commissioners approved the annual report for the Rebuild Alabama Grant. He said this report is an annual requirement of the Rebuild Alabama Grant Program to show the additional gas taxes are being used on roadways.

In Fiscal Year 2023, Walters said the county was able to use \$942,586.54 of Rebuild Alabama funds to resurface county roads 719, 346, 450 and the west end of County Rd. 239.

Commissioners also approved a minor subdivision plat for Blanton's Pass on County Rd 708. The county engineer said this subdivision would include 15 lots.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 9 a.m., at the county complex in New Brockton, Ala.

Amy Reeves seeking re-election as C.C. Circuit Clerk

Amy L. Reeves announces her candidacy for re-election to the office of Coffee County Circuit Clerk in the March 5th Primary Election.

Reeves feels her 19 years of experience spent in the judicial system and as Circuit Clerk has allowed her first-hand experience in all divisions needed to lead the Circuit Clerk's office such as criminal, juvenile, small claims, district civil, appeals, jury duty, and bookkeeping.

"I am hands on working in the clerk's office when and wherever needed," Reeves said. "The experience I have gained in these capacities has and will continue to benefit the citizens of Coffee County greatly if I am re-elected your Coffee County Circuit Clerk."

Amy has been married to Will Reeves for 18 years, and they have two children. Aubry, age 16, is a junior at New Brockton High School where she is active in NBHS theater department as well as the Marching Band Color Guard and Majorette. Brian, age 10, is in the fifth grade at New Brockton and active in youth sports - baseball



Amy Reeves

and basketball. Amy and her family love to spend their free time hunting, fishing, on the boat at the lake, and spending time with family. The Reeves family attends Damascus Baptist Church, where Amy is active in many areas of ministry such as small group leader, young adult Sunday School teacher, VBS director, choir member and a Praise and Worship Team leader.

"I humbly ask the Citizens of Coffee County for your support and vote in the Republican Primary Election on Tuesday, March 5, 2024," Reeves said. "Remember...Re-Elect Reeves for Circuit Clerk."

Opp woman arrested in Coffee County on drug charges

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Debra Register, age 51, Register of Opp, Ala., on drug charges last weekend.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Register was booked into the county jail Saturday morning, Jan. 6, on charges of possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

She was released on bond Monday afternoon, Jan. 8th.



HAPPY NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

A special thank you to our school resource officer, Dale England!



Elba Elementary School gave a "shout-out" Tuesday, Jan. 9, to School Resource Officer Dale England (pictured above) and all law enforcement on National Law Enforcement Day. School officials said they are thankful for all the men and women who keep the school system and community safe day in and day out.

In 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Pike County

Defendant enters guilty plea for capital murder for 2019 case

Last week a defendant in the 12th Judicial Circuit of Pike County entered a guilty plea for capital murder, according to information released by 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox.

The 12th Judicial Circuit covers Coffee and Pike counties.

Defendant Michael Walker entered a guilty plea Thursday, Jan. 4, to the charge of capital murder before Circuit Judge Henry "Sonny" Reagan. The State was represented by Assistant District Attorney Tarnisha Jones who was accompanied by District Attorney Tarbox.

Tarbox said Walker mur-

dered Melissa Pelton in the presence of their six minor children on October 24, 2019, in Troy, Ala. In exchange for his guilty plea, the State of Alabama through the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office agreed to not seek the death penalty in the case.

Walker was sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole in the Alabama Department of Corrections. He will be transported to the Alabama Department of Corrections where he will begin his sentence and spend the rest of his life in custody.

"The District Attorney's Office believes this serious

sentence is a proper and just outcome for this case given the violent and heinous nature of the offense committed by Walker," Tarbox said. "This outcome

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Area Happenings

City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Garbage services will run as normal on this day.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m., at the Elba Senior Citizens Center in downtown Elba. All members are asked to attend this meeting. Topic of discussion will be the annual Pancake Breakfast, which is scheduled for March.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A quick update on Mr. Ferrin’s recovery process... It has been just over a month now since his medical emergency, and he continues to improve daily to regain his strength in his mission to “get things back to normal.” He currently is stilling staying at daughter Michele’s home in Andalusia while recovering, but they did make a stop by The Elba Clipper office for a short while last Friday afternoon. He even walked over to the bank for a few minutes while in town. This week has included more physical therapy and doctor visits. While we still don’t have a “timeframe” set on his return to the office and/or penning his Brainstorms column again, we are thankful each day for his continued progress in getting well! And, we continue to thank you all for your prayers!! Also, when asked last Friday if he was still behaving, Mr. Ferrin just smiled and assured us that he is behaving! We’ll take his word for it...for now!!

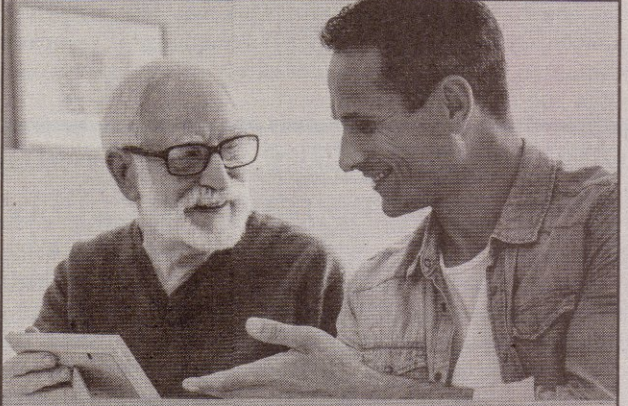
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Free radon test kits offered for Alabama households

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. To increase public awareness of radon and promote testing and mitigation, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is offering one free radon test kit per Alabama household as part of an initiative to reduce dangerous radon exposure. Radon is a radioactive gas that cannot be seen or smelled. It is produced when uranium breaks down in soil and water. Radon is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but it can increase the risk of lung cancer when it is trapped in buildings. Anyone can get lung cancer from breathing in high levels of radon over time. Symptoms of dangerous radon exposure include persistent coughing, shortness of breath, and chest pain. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1 in 15 homes has a radon problem. In Alabama, 15 counties have been identified as having the highest potential for elevated radon levels: Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Morgan, Shelby and Talladega. The only way to tell if a home has a radon problem is to check with a radon testing kit. Alabama households can order one free radon test kit online via ADPH. Recipients are only responsible for paying a return shipping fee. For more information about the ADPH and radon testing, contact Nick Swindall at John. Swindall@adph.state.al.us and visit the radon web page at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radon.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN MY FREE ALABAMA VOTER ID CARD?

To receive a free Alabama photo voter ID card, a voter must show:

- A photo document or a non-photo identity document can be used if it contains your full legal name and date of birth;
- Documentation showing the voter’s date of birth (can be verified by information in the statewide voter file);
- Documentation showing the person is a registered voter (can be verified by voter registration information);*
- Documentation showing the voter’s name and address as reflected in the voter registration record (can be verified by voter registration information);*

* THE PROCESSING AGENTS WILL VERIFY THIS ITEM NEEDED TO RECIVE THE FREE ALABAMA PHOTO ID CARD BY CHECKING THE VOTER’S RECORD IN THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

For more information contact the Coffee County Board of Registrars Office
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New Brockton, Al 36351

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, through Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Jan. 2 – Missing person reported at 20500 Hwy 189 (10:17 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 595 Collier St (10:31 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1162 Morrow Ave (12:34 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1446 Smith Ave (2:50 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Jan. 3 – Abandoned vehicle reported at 23781 Hwy 167 N, Jack, AL (8:19 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Court Ave and Davis St (12:37 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal

warning, and two citations.

Thursday, Jan. 4 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 246 Larkin Rd (1:28 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (5:15 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 221 E Davis St (5:57 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (1:17 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 911 Farris Ave (3:00 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one advice given, one verbal warning, two written warnings, and two citations.

Friday, Jan. 5 – Sex offense reported at a residence on County Rd 239 (1:27 p.m.). On traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, Jan. 6 – Tree down on Lee St (12:47 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported in the area of County Rd 501 and Hwy 84 (7:04 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in the area of Hwy 84 and County Rd 505 (9:22 p.m.).

Sunday, Jan. 7 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (4:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 608 Mullins Circle (12:58 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 270 S Tyler St, New Brockton (6:07 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1289 N Neil Grantham Dr (6:42 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one citation.

Monday, Jan. 8 – Animal complaint reported at 245 County Rd 367 (9:08 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (10:23 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2734 Hickman Ave (1:53 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 471 County Rd 536 (3:21 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 2318 Taylor Mill Rd (8:16 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (10:33 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1036 Hickman Ave (10:41 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

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Cuzin Lou Lou’s

Tales from Yonder

Editor’s Note: Cuzin Lou Lou’s tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

One of the greatest men Cuzin Lou Lou has ever known to walk this earth went on to be with the Lord last week, and Lou Lou has no doubt that he heard, “well done good and faithful servant” when he entered his eternal home. He was Papa’s oldest brother, and he was a shining example to his family of how to be humble and kind in everything. Lou Lou hopes that she is able to follow her uncle’s path and be the kind of person that others can only find good in all she does in her life. One of the things Lou Lou will always cherish about the time she spent with her uncle is listening to him tell stories of the family’s past. He could tell a story as vividly as any. Lou Lou could sit for hours listening to him tell those stories, and with each he told, she could see it – the family’s history – as plainly as if she were watching a movie in that moment. Maybe that is where she got her love for storytelling...as far as Lou Lou is concerned, it is. As Lou Lou, Papa, Sister and another of Papa’s siblings were on their way to the funeral last Saturday, they passed a restaurant named the Vittles Café. The conversation that followed over the word “vittles” made Lou Lou smile silently as she realized it was a word that her uncle could have taken and provided a great family story from the past. Jokingly, Lou Lou said they needed to visit that restaurant sometime to grab some vittles. Sister’s reaction let Lou Lou know right away that Sister was not exactly certain about that. Her response, “What are vittles?” Lou Lou explained to Sister that vittles was just another word for food, but Sister didn’t believe Lou Lou right away. It took a quick Google search to ensure her that Lou Lou was telling the truth. Of course, this got a big enough reaction out of Lou Lou that Papa and his Sister got in on the conversation too. They both explained that referring to food as vittles was a common expression when they were growing up. While Sister still was having a hard time believing that people referred to food as vittles, she was even more confused as to how she was the only one in the vehicle that did not “know” the word. So, she decided to text her friend to get her reaction to the word vittles as well. Turns out...they are a perfectly made match when it comes to friendship! Lou Lou already knew this, but it was further proven by that text conversation! The friend’s response... “Is it chitterlings or something?!!?” If Lou Lou had been taking a sip of her water at that moment, she would have spewed it everywhere. Bless them! They are too funny. Passing by a restaurant name Vittles Café brought a bit of lightness to a day that was hard on the entire family, but it reminded Lou Lou that there is so much to be thankful for in that her uncle lived a long, full life, and he left all with many, many stories to remember and pass on to future generations. It’s amazing the little signs from heaven we get – even through the name of a little café on the side of the road. Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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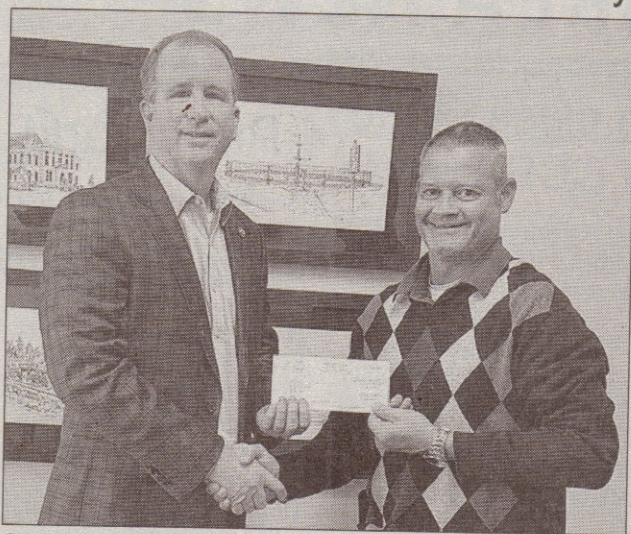
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Senator Josh Carnley distributes funds to District 31 Schools, including school systems in Coffee County

Alabama State Senator Josh Carnley recently presented \$242,172.72 in Community Service Grants to five school systems across District 31.

Coffee County Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Pike County Schools, and Troy City Schools all received grants to address the essential needs of students and teachers across the district.

"The administration, faculty, and staff of Coffee County Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Pike County Schools, Troy City Schools, and Elba City Schools are committed to educating our children and enhancing our community — they should have access to all the resources they need," said Carnley. "It is a pleasure



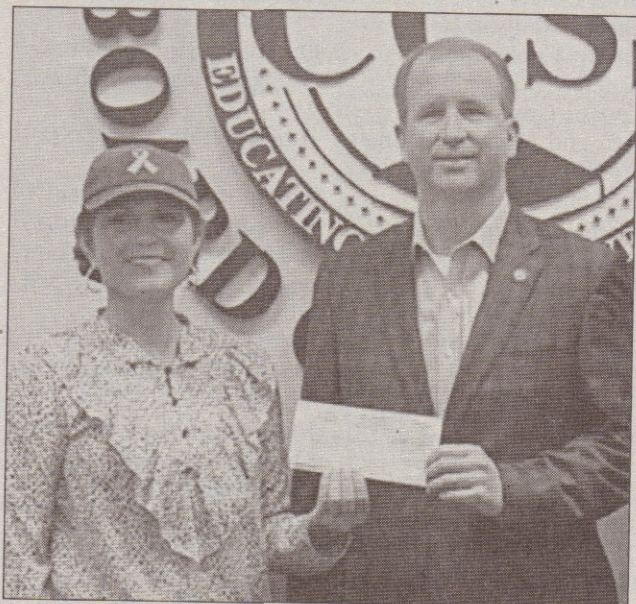
Senator Josh Carnley with Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley (right).

to bring funds back home to District 31, enabling our schools to continue to deliver the highest quality education for the next generation of leaders and future work-

force. By addressing the needs of our educators, we empower them to provide unparalleled access to education for students across our district."

The grant's funds are utilized at the discretion of individual schools. Schools in District 31 have committed to allocating the funds for essential classroom furniture and supporting the needs of students and teachers to address the notable increase in enrollment over recent years.

Administered by the Community Service Grants Committee, a joint interim committee of the Alabama State Legislature, the Alabama State Community Service Grant Program is dedicated to elevating education, promoting human and social services, supporting agriculture, and preserving Alabama's natural resources.



Senator Josh Carnley with Coffee County Schools Superintendent Kelly Cobb (left).

Locals named to Provost's List at Troy University for fall semester

Troy University recently released the names of students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City

and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who made the list include: **FROM ELBA, ALA.:** Chandler Box, Destiny Hataway, Megan Legg, and Avery Padgett

FROM JACK, ALA.: Nathan Braisted **FROM NEW BROCKTON, ALA.:** Ryan Hussey and Esteban Garcia

FROM KINSTON, ALA.: Amanda Robbins, Madison Lolley, and Jeb Crosby

ADPH urges residents to take precautions to prevent septic tank problems after flooding

Residents who use an onsite sewage disposal system (a septic tank system) may be experiencing performance problems due to rain-soaked conditions.

During heavy rains and floods, the ground can become saturated, preventing proper operation of the system. For example, a septic tank can collapse or float out of position. Signs that a septic system is not working properly include sinks and toilets that drain slowly, floor drains that overflow, and visible sewage outside the home. If this occurs, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recommends the following:

- Limit water usage when possible.

- Consider staggering periods of prolonged water usage such as bathing and laundering, when possible.

- Consider laundering at commercial establishments, as this will significantly reduce the demand on your own system.

- Inspect disposal areas for depressions where rainwater ponding may

occur. Adding soil to these depressions will aid in surface drainage.

- Inspect roof drainage and gutters to ensure that rainwater run-off is diverted away from the disposal area.

- Consider having your septic tank pumped out. This may provide temporary relief and may help with maintenance for long-term system performance. Do not open the septic tank for pumping while the soil is still saturated. Mud and silt may enter the tank and end up in the drainfield. Furthermore, pumping out a tank that is in saturated soil may cause it to "pop out" of the ground. (Likewise, recently installed systems may "pop out" of the ground more readily than older systems because the soil has not had enough time to settle and compact.) ADPH recommends having your septic tank pumped out every three to five years to eliminate sludge build-up.

- After weather conditions improve, the system should return to normal

functioning. If you continue to experience problems with your system, contact your local health department environmentalist for assistance.

For more information on septic systems after floods, go to: [Septic Systems - What to Do after the Flood](#) | US EPA

ROBERT L. HODGE

Mr. Robert L. Hodge, age 91, of Daleville, Ala., died early Thursday morning, Jan. 4, 2024, at his home in Daleville following a valiant battle with an extended illness.

A beacon of kindness and selflessness, Robert was born Sept. 7, 1932 in Coffee County, Alabama to Joe D. and Ora "Ola" Jane Hodge.

From his humble beginnings in Elba, Robert emerged as a man of great character and resolve. He was a proud graduate of Elba High School, where he not only excelled academically but also served his peers as a dependable school bus driver. His quest for knowledge and self-improvement led him to complete Printing School and a Small Engine Repair Course at Wallace Community College, equipping him with skills that would serve him well throughout his life. Robert dedicated many years to civil service at Ft. Novosel [then Ft. Rucker], working diligently in the printing department until his retirement.

Despite being born with a club foot, he never allowed it to diminish his zest for life or his ability to care for others. His children recall him as their best friend and Dad, a man who was not only meek and humble but also possessed an abundance of common sense. He never met a stranger, and his ability to connect with others was nothing short of remarkable. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, from the Chapel of Sunset Funeral Home of Midland City, Ala. with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Robert's son, Kent, provided a eulogy. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Peggy McIntosh, and a daughter-in-law, Denise Hodge.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years:



Shirley M. Hodge, Daleville; sons: Robert "Kent" Hodge and wife, Audrey, Troy, Ala., Raymond "Andy" Hodge and wife, Melinda, Ozark, Ala.; daughter: Robbie Ann Brookshire and husband, Bryan, Newton, Ala.; his grandchildren: Chris (Julie) Hodge, Halee (Chris) Burdick, Andrew Hodge, and Timothy (Dorothy) Brookshire; great-grandchildren: Peyton Hodge, Charli Hodge, Ella Hodge, Robert Brooks Hodge, Daniel Burdick, and Isabella Brookshire; along with brothers: Ralph Hodge and Joe D. Hodge Jr., both of Clearwater, Fla., William "Randle" Hodge, Elba; sisters: Mary Jane Crocker and Bertie Boland, both of Elba; and several nieces and nephews.

TERRY SCOTT "SCOTTY" LINDSEY

Capt. Terry Scott "Scotty" Lindsey, age 76, of Panama City Beach, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at his home in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Jan. 7, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, beginning at 2 p.m., with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, from 1-2 p.m.

Scotty was preceded in death by his parents - Charles and Doro-

thy Moseij Lindsey, and sister - Debbie Jared. Survivors include his sons: Jeremy Chat (Ginger) Lindsey, Panama City Beach, Jason (Tonya) Lindsey, Fountain, Fla.; ex-wife: Sandra Jackson, Panama City; granddaughters: Keri Lindsey, Panama City, Aria Lindsey, Fountain, Kaylie Shuffitowski, Panama City Beach; his niece: Lindsey Jared, great-niece: Madison Dooley, and brother-in-law: Mike Jared, all of Elba.

GUILTY

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allows both for justice to be served and for the children who witnessed their mother being murdered from having to testify in open court about the terrible things they witnessed on the night of the murder."

Tarbox said he appreciates the work of the Troy Police Department and the Pike County Coroner's Office in investigating this matter, and the work of Assistant District Attorneys Ternisha Jones and Jon Folmar in the prosecution of the case.

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Family Plots: What are my options?

Spouses often wish to be buried together. Other times, whole families may wish to be buried together, including children or even grandchildren. If this is the case, it is important to take that into consideration when planning a burial.

A Family Plot. A family plot is just that. It is a space large enough for multiple family members to be buried. A family plot must all be purchased at one time to reserve the space.

An Urn Plot. An urn plot is a smaller space for the burial of a cremation urn. Depending on the size of the plot, it is possible for multiple family members to be buried there.

A Mausoleum. A mausoleum is an above ground building designed to hold caskets. With a private mausoleum, you can build it as large as you wish to accommodate as many family members as you want. Another option is a community mausoleum, which can house many caskets. A family could choose to purchase multiple crypts inside a community mausoleum.

A Columbarium. A columbarium is a building with niches to hold cremation urns. Families can purchase several niches together. As with a family plot, these will likely all need to be purchased at the same time.

Home Burial. In some areas it may be possible to be buried on your own land or in private family cemetery. If this is the case, you will want to check with your local government office to find out if there are any restrictions or permits required.

There are multiple options available for families wanting to be buried together. Make sure you talk to your family members before deciding what you want to do, however, as it can be difficult to resell grave plots once they have been purchased.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net

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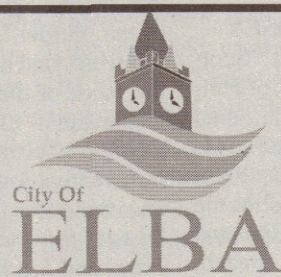
CHURCH & AREA NEWS



UPCOMING SINGING...Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 4015 Hwy. 27, Enterprise, Ala., will host The Heritage Trio for "A Night of Hymns" beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. All are welcome to attend.

New Hope Sr Center looking for new participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more information, contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.



City Privilege Licenses
are due

**January 1, 2024
and delinquent
February 1, 2024**

Penalties will be assessed if license is not
purchased prior to February 1.

For further information or to
purchase a license, please
contact Sandra Berry at
(334) 897-2333.

City of Elba, AL
Sally Bane, City Clerk

Ministry training class set to begin Jan. 22 at CCBA office

Ministry Training Institute of Samford University Extension Division - Coffee County Baptist Association - will begin its winter semester Monday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. The class will meet each Monday night through March 11, 2024. Class ZMTI 1328 Acts of the Apostles: Tuition is \$50 with a \$10 registration fee. Registration can be completed online. For more information, call the Coffee County Baptist Association at (334) 894-6411/(334) 475-5089 or call (205) 720-4055 and talk to Dedra Phillips.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to host grant writing course

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will be hosting a free grant writing course Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m. at the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama [2950 County Rd. 377, Elba, Alabama]. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP per email by 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15th. Email is: machiscreeks@outlook.com

RWCC meeting set for Jan. 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway. Amy Marshall and Amy Reeves, candidates for Coffee County Circuit Clerk, will speak. County Commissioner candidates for Districts 1, 2, and 4 races have also been invited to speak. Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$13 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. RSVP to Barb at email: rwccreservations@gmail.com, and let her know if planning to eat.

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Scripture: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. Psalm 32: 1-11

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Ziyah E. Kelley, Otis Andrews, Eddie Scott, Alice Musgrove, Phillip Musgrove, Mary Sue Dawson

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Melissa Kelley Hutchinson 1/2
Alice Dozier 1/3
Philip N. Faison 1/3
Lasalle Cooks 1/3
Anthony Robinson 1/3
Chessie Cross 1/3
Jeff and Audrey Bennett 1/4 W.A.
Francine Dixon 1/4
Martha Gilford 1/7
Superintendent William K. Ellison 1/7
Shayla Bright 1/8
Corene Daniels 1/8

Spiritual Charlatans

Jim Jones (1931 - 1978) started his ministry career in Indianapolis, but it was after he moved his Peoples Temple to California in the late 1960s that he gained notoriety. His ministry focused on issues of social justice, and he developed a large following among society's downtrodden. For a time, Jones was endorsed by many leading politicians, but following his exposure as a cult leader, he moved his congregation to "Jonestown" in Guyana. His little empire came crashing down in 1978 with the mass suicide and murder of over 900 people there, including Jones himself. In retrospect, Jim Jones was merely one spiritual charlatan in a line stretching back centuries. God had to deal with such individuals even within the ranks of His chosen people [Isaiah 1:23; Jeremiah 7: 9-11; Hosea 7: 1-3, etc] They stand in stark contrast which Jesus, who stands

ever vigilant for the well-being of His flock. The saga of Jim Jones reminds us that only Jesus is worthy of unconditional trust. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/11/24

Fill in the Blanks
Q: Jesus referred to himself as the _____ Shepherd.
A: Good [John 10:14]
Q: We abide in Christ's love if we keep His _____.
A: Commandments [John 15:10]
Q: Paul affirmed that we are save by grace through _____.
A: Faith [Ephesians 2:8]

Thought to Remember
Be careful where you go and what you do, you don't want to be embarrassed when Jesus returns.

Questions for the Week of 1/18/24

Multiple Choice
Q: What turns to blood before the day of the Lord? (sun, moon, stars)
Q: John affirmed that in love there is no what? (propitiation, fear, perfection)
Q: God anointed the psalmists' head with what? (wine, water, oil)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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LIFE AND
THE LIFE
WAS THE
LIGHT OF
MEN

**ABUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE
METHODIST CHURCH**
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister**
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor**
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor**
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
Scott Donaldson, Pastor**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**
Oversuers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT
CHURCH**
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON
METHODIST CHURCH**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT
CHURCH**
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNIT-
ED METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEM-
BLY OF GOD - SAMSON**
Terry McCrummer, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRAISE & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor**
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST**
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship... 12 noon
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Lucas Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**WOOTEN CHAPEL
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
CHURCH**
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

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Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton
New Brockton, Al
Water Main Replacement Project
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Water Main Replacement Project will be received by the Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton, at their office located at 706 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Al 36351, until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 1, 2024 at which time the Bids received will be opened and read aloud. The Project consists of replacing approximately 8,840 feet of existing water mains with a new 6" PVC water main and necessary appurtenances. Contract No. 1-Water Main Replacement Project, Estimate=\$345,000, Contract Time=60 Days

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: DHA Engineering, LLC, 2323 W. Main Street Ste. 227B Dothan, Al 36301, 334-585-5841, harmojc@gmail.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the

Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office via pick-up or mail upon a non-refundable production cost payment of \$100.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton Office, 706 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Al 36351.

All bidders must register as an official plan holder with the engineer no later than 48 hours prior to the bid opening.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all bids. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Waterworks & Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton
By: Lucas Green
Title: Chairman
Date: January 8, 2024
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Notice of Lis Pendens
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. 71-CV-2023-9000991.00

TYSON BEGLY v. PARCEL #2 OF THE G.G. HARRELL AND NED HARRELL PROPERTY, THELMA J. BLUE, FERNANDEZ D. BLUE, and KEONTAVIOUS J. BLUE (and their heirs and devisees)

To whom it may concern: Take notice that Tyson Begly has filed a Petition to Quiet Title in Coffee County Circuit Court as Petitioner against the aforementioned respondents of said county, Alabama, in an equitable action pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 6-6-560, et seq., in the case of Begly v. Parcel #2 of the G.G. Harrell and Ned Harrell Property, et al., Case No. 71-CV-2023-900091.00, filed on August 29, 2023, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

Relief is sought against the following described real property located at 407 W. Adams Street, Enterprise, Alabama:

Parcel #2 of the G.G. Harrell and Ned Harrell property, in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, according to a plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 92, Probate Office, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice pursuant to Section 6-6-564 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

This notice is recorded pursuant to Section 35-4-131(b) of the Code of Alabama, 1975. Any persons claiming any in-interest in the above-described property must respond to the Petition within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this notice by filing your answer, either admitting or denying the allegations in said Petition, with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama and serving a copy of the same upon counsel for Tyson Begly at the address below. If you fail to respond to the Petition within said time, a default may be entered against you as determined by the Court for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. This publication shall be made in the paper of general circulation and published in Coffee County, Alabama, for four (4) consecutive weeks.

Witness my hand this the 12th day of December, 2023
By: /s/ Amy L. Reaves
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Coffee County, Alabama
12/21,28,1/4&11-pd

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Coffee County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for the renovation of lockers rooms at New Brockton High School:

• All bidders must be a licensed Alabama General Contractor.

• All bidders' home offices must be located within 50 miles of CCSS.

• A mandatory site visit to all project areas is required to determine all necessary work to complete the project.

• All bidders must attend a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in order to be eligible to submit a bid.

• Overall scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:

~ Install new drop ceilings

~ Repair and refinish existing walls

~ Remove existing light fixtures and utility components; replace with LED lighting

~ Install block walls in select areas of each locker room; refinish with existing wall colors

~ Remove all existing plumbing features and replace with new

~ Remove any and all

inoperable electrical components and replace with new; must connect new electrical to HVAC system and laundry room/restroom equipment

~ Install 3 new mini-split HVAC units that provide a one-year labor warranty and 10-year parts and compressor warranty; remove existing units and replace with vent

~ Remove all existing doors and replace with new metal doors

~ Remove all ceramic tile and replace with new tile

~ Install 3/8-inch rubber flooring throughout each locker room

~ Replace existing glass in girls' locker room and replace with tinted glass

Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323 **UNTIL 2:00 P.M. ON Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bid must be submitted on the school system's Bid Proposal Form. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor's name, address, phone number and general contractor's license number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Security Doors Bid" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, January 16, 2024.

The lowest responsible bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful low bidder only following Board approval. If you would like more information regarding this bid and/or the pre-bid meeting, please contact Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002.

The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids; to waive technicalities or informalities; and to award the bid to other than the high bidder if cause can be documented.

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Notice of Completion

"Notice is hereby given that Bullard Excavating, Inc., 13264 Eva Drive., Andalusia, Alabama. 36420 has completed all work on **Drainage & Road Improvements, CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-22-010 for the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.**" All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named Contractor and Sally Bane, City Clerk, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

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Notice of Completion

"Notice is hereby given that Bullard Excavating, Inc., 13264 Eva Drive., Andalusia, Alabama. 36420 has completed all work on the **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STREET RESURFACING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS** in Elba, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba.

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Notice of Public Sale.

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday January 18th 2024. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with al code § 8-15-34

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Unit B26 & B21 - Melisa McFarland HHG
Unit A40 - Carmen Pleasure HHG
Unit A6 - Khameron McKenzie HHG
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HAROLD LOYD JORDAN

Deceased
Case No: PC 2024-001

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 3rd day of January 2024, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Harold Loyd Jordan, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent. WITNESS my hand and seal this the 8th day of January, 2024

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
JUDGE OF PROBATE
1/11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY AGNEW JONES
Deceased

Case No: PC 2024-002

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County - Elba Division on the 5th day of January 2024, for distribution of assets from the Estate of Mary Agnew Jones, deceased, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof, and pursuant to law, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of said decedent. WITNESS my hand and seal this the 8th day of January, 2024

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIANNE M. NOWICKI, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2024-001

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Scott Michael Nowicki, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dianne Marie Nowicki, deceased, on the 5th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

After three weeks of vacation our grandson Lawson admitted it was a little hard to head back to school this week. I know Lawson loves to play video games and probably stayed up late more than once playing his games, which made it even harder to get up early. Hey, at least he gets off Monday and hopefully will use it to catch up a little before it back to the grind – full time.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers had to be happy to get a few days off over the weekend after playing six games in nine days, including three games last week during the last week of the holiday break. The teams played three straight days in their own Christmas tournament, then came right back and were on the court for three games in four days. I know basketball is fun for the players, but so is sleeping in and taking a day off.

Anyway, the Tigers opened their area schedule with two big wins last week and used a stingy defense to lead the way. Elba blew a 12-point lead before defeating Kinston in overtime and then almost blew a 15-point lead in a narrow win over Houston County. However, the Tigers did what it took when they had to and survived with a pair of area wins. The team is still working hard to get better and maybe before long we will get to see the Tigers at their best.

The Lady Tigers rolled to three big wins, including a pair of area wins, and appear to settling back in after a couple of stumbles in their own Christmas tournament. The Elba girls still aren't clicking on all cylinders on offense, but are using their quickness on defense to turn turnovers into easy points, and just need to settle down, have some fun and take each and every game one game at a time.

*** The high school basketball season has reached its area schedule and for the teams in the local area it looks like some fun nights ahead. Zion Chapel has been a surprise team all season and looks like an area contender, while New Brockton has already shown what it can do when it plays its best, Brantley is just as dangerous as ever, despite their struggles in the Elba tournament, and Kinston is close to finding out how to win. Over with the girls, Kinston is a dangerous team that plays hard and never backs down from a challenge, while Brantley is solid and a challenge to any opponent every night out, New Brockton is another surprise team that can win against any team on its schedule on any given night, and Zion Chapel is just waiting to pull off a shocker. The season has already been a lot of fun and the best is yet to come.

*** It certainly wasn't the best way to end a season for Alabama, Auburn and Troy as all three teams were upset in post-season play. The Crimson Tide battled for all four quarters, and then some in a 27-20 loss to Michigan in the college playoffs to end the Tides fans hopes of winning a national title. While Alabama owned a late lead and could have won the game, looking back it could have been a case of everyone getting a little too excited about a late-season surge and SEC title that resulted in a belief that just maybe Bama wasn't quite as good as many thought. The Tigers and their fans may have enjoyed the visit to Nashville for the Music City Bowl, but the game wasn't as much fun as Auburn fell behind 21-0 early and never really threatened in an unexpected loss to Maryland. The loss left the Tigers with a losing record in its first year under Hugh Freeze. Not what the faithful Tiger fans had hoped for! Troy was expected to be a little down after the loss of its popular head coach, and certainly looked that way in a loss to Duke. While Duke is a solid team in the ACC, most state fans felt like the Trojans could claim the win and continue to up the worth of its brand. Not this time.

***In closing.... It is a busy time for student-athletes at high schools all across the state as basketball season swings into area play, at the same time baseball and softball teams begin to throw and condition for their upcoming seasons. Here at Elba that is certainly the case, as the only players getting in much work are the junior varsity players, since the rest of the team is still running up and down the basketball court. Student-athletes at the high school level are to be commended as they work to keep their grades up while never taking time off from a team sport. I know more than one girl that cheered in 14 football games as a varsity cheerleader, practiced and played volleyball for four months as the Lady Tigers advanced to the state tournament, and now is playing basketball and hoping to make a trip back to the state tournament, while keeping her glove and cleats under the bed before heading off to the softball field. The life of a student-athlete isn't easy at any level, much less a teenager in high school. Maybe a small NIL contract wouldn't be so bad after all since the student-athletes are doing most of the work.

Post three straight wins

Lady Tigers are back on a roll

The Elba Lady Tigers returned to their winning ways last week as they posted key area wins over Kinston and Houston County, and closed the busy week with a solid win at home over Arifton. Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 36 Kinston 23

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a big 36-23 area road win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

Elba came out ready to play and behind the scoring of Tajah Robinson and A'Lyric Whitfield jumped out to a 10-0 lead with 3:09 still left in the opening quarter. However, the Lady Tigers failed to score again for over five minutes and watched as Kinston pulled within 10-4 early in the second quarter. A three-point play by Whitfield pushed the Lady Tigers lead to 13-4, but Elba hit another five-minute scoring drought and allowed Kinston to cut the lead to 13-8 with 54-seconds left in the half on a basket by Aubrey Norris.

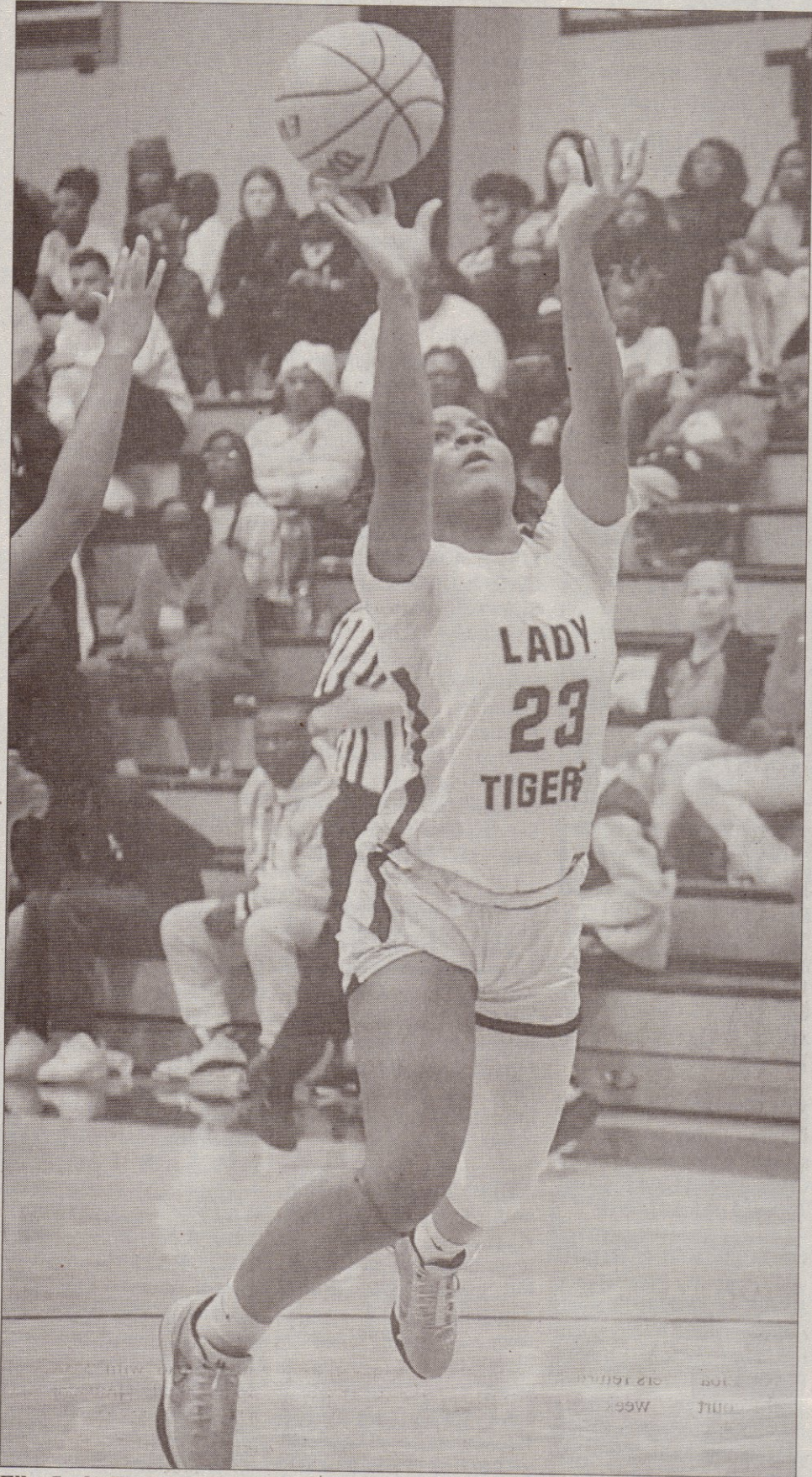
The Lady Tigers appeared ready to take command early in the third quarter and behind the play of A'Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell stretched their lead to 20-11 with 5:09 left on the clock, only to once again hit a dry spell from the floor as they scored only two points over the quarter's final five minutes as Kinston rallied to pull within 23-20 with 6:14 remaining in the final stanza. A'Lyric Whitfield scored 12 points over the game's next three minutes to help push the lead to 36-21, and the Lady Tigers held on to claim the important area road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Robinson 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 4, Kendra Juarez 2 and Ana Caldwell 1. Aubrey Norris scored 15 points and hit 8 of 9 free-throw opportunities to lead Kinston; while also scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Lauren Norris 4, Aubrie Brown 2, Maggie Martin 1 and Lilli Sumblin 1.

Elba 80 Houston Co. 11

The Elba Lady Tigers raced out to a 28-0 first quarter lead and never looked back as they rolled to a lopsided 80-11 area win over the Houston County Lady Lions, at the Elba gym.

Tajah Robinson hit an early three-pointer to get Elba rolling and scored a total of seven points in the opening stanza, while Ana Caldwell added eight points inside as the Lady Tigers carried a 28-3 lead into the second quarter. Elba continued to dominate the Lady Lions in the second quarter with an aggressive defense and led by A'Lyric



Elba Lady Tiger Ny'Asia McCollough (23) keeps her eyes on the basket after being fouled during recent high school basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Whitfield with 11 points and Brooke Tinsley with six points went in at the half with a 55-3 advantage.

The game clock never stopped in the second half due to the lopsided score, but the Lady Tigers kept on rolling as Tajah Robinson added four points in the third quarter to help Elba up its lead to 63-3, and A'Lyric Whitfield added seven fourth quarter points as the Lady Tigers claimed the 80-11 area win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 22 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Robinson 11, Jadyne Caldwell 11, Ana Caldwell 10, Brooke Tinsley 8, Kendra Juarez 4, Alayvia Stinson 4, Ayrika Caldwell 4, Keelie Mosley 4 and Taylor Day 2. Zyon Smith scored 9 points on three three-pointers to lead Houston County.

Elba 43 Arifton 25

The Elba Lady Tigers used an early 6-0 run to grab the lead and never looked back as they rolled



to a 43-25 home court win over the Arifton Lady Cats.

Arifton sneaked out to a 5-4 lead early in the opening quarter, but Kendra Juarez and A'Lyric Whitfield sparked a 6-0 run to put Elba on top 10-5, and a three-pointer by Tajah Robinson early in the second quarter capped off the 12-0 run as the Lady Tigers upped their lead to 16-5. Elba's lead grew to 23-10 midway through the third quarter on a three-

pointer by Whitfield, and despite hitting only 2 of 8 free throws in the fourth quarter easily held on for the 43-25 win.



A'Lyric Whitfield scored 21 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Robinson 8, Alayvia Stinson 5, Kendra Juarez 4, Keelie Moseley 2, Ayrika Caldwell 2 and Brooke Tinsley 1. Maci Leigh Bragg scored 12 points to lead Arifton.

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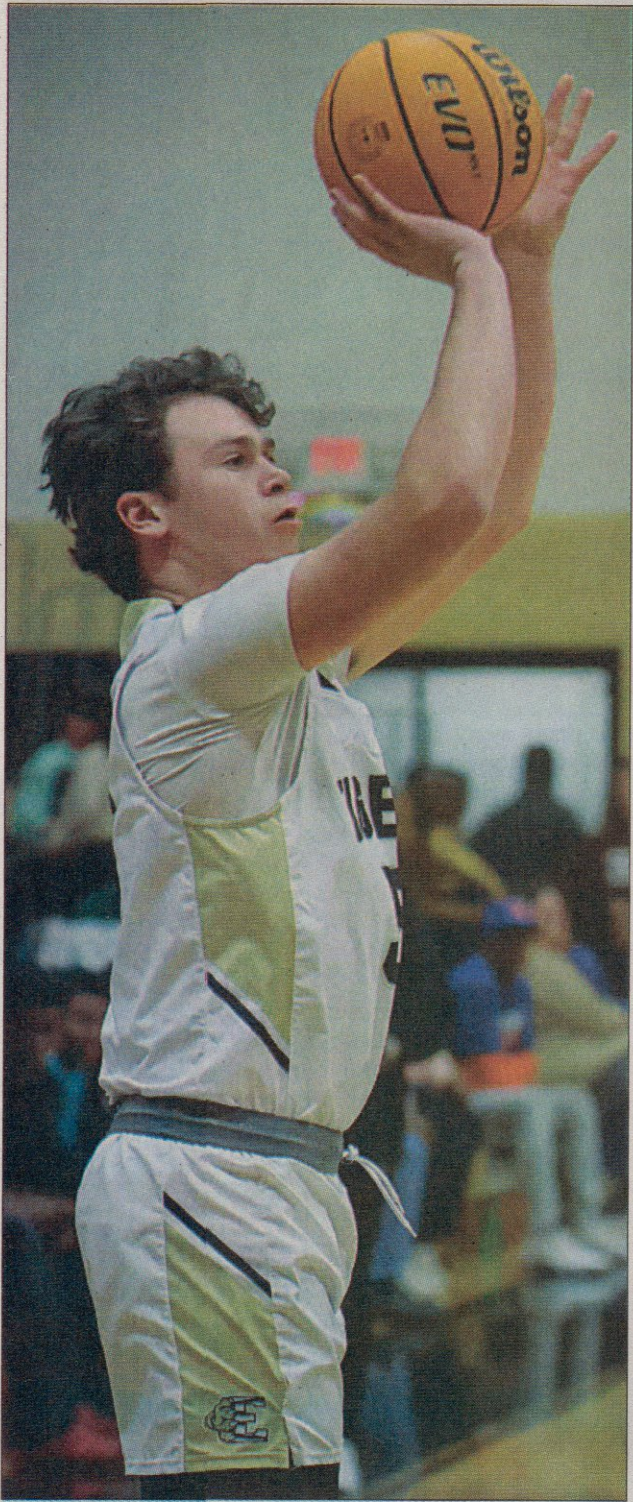
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| Thursday, Jan. 11 Brantley at Kinston | Tuesday, Jan. 16 Kinston at Elba Luverne at Zion Chapel Brantley at Houston County Daleville at New Brockton |
| Friday, Jan. 12 Elba at Florala Kinston at Emmanuel Christian Goshen at Zion Chapel New Brockton at Pike County | Thursday, Jan. 18 Florala at Elba Zion Chapel at Pike Lib Houston County at Brantley |
| Saturday, Jan. 13 Brantley at Luverne | |
| Monday, Jan. 15 Straughn at New Brockton | |

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers post two area wins



Elba Ty Sieving (5) hits a three-pointer from deep in the corner to spark a recent win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba JV Tigers struggle in return to basketball action

The Elba Tigers returned to the court last week after a long holiday break and posted one win in three games.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Elba 47 Kinston 33

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to take command coasted in with a solid 47-33 road win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Elba owned a slim 8-4 lead after one quarter, but outscored the Bulldogs 19-6 in the second quarter to grab a 27-10 halftime advantage and extended its lead to 44-22 in the third quarter before letting the reserves mop up the win.

Javante Griggs scored 13 points and Levi Martin added 12 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ky'Avian Stoudemire 8, Jonathan Edwards 5, Skylar Mitchell 4, Matthew McCart 2, Easton McKelvy 2 and Ryan Schindler 1. Scoring for Kinston were Tucker Marler 15, Tristan

Kilpatrick 8, Kolin Sims 5, JD Weeks 3, Gabe Hataway 2 and Gavyn Moore 2.

Houston Co. 43 Elba 28

The Elba Tigers saw a close game get out of hand in the fourth quarter in a 43-28 loss to the Houston County Lions. Elba owned a 9-6 lead after one quarter and trailed only 20-18 heading into the final stanza, but was outscored 23-10 in the fourth quarter and dropped the decision in the home contest.

Jonathan Edwards and Matthew McCart both scored 7 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Skylar Mitchell 6, Levi Martin 4, Ky'Avian Stoudemire 2 and Cassidy Carpenter 2. Zymarrion Martin scored 14 points to lead the Lions.

Ariton 42 Elba 29

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead evaporate in a 42-39 home court loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Elba owned a 10-7 lead after the first quarter and was tied at 18-18 at the half, but the Purple Cats outscored the Tigers 16-6 in the third quarter to take charge and Elba never caught up as it suffered the loss.

Jonathan Edwards scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi Martin 7, Easton McKelvy 3, Skylar Mitchell 3 and Ryan Schindler 2.

The Elba Tigers hit the court for three games last week in high school basketball action and claimed a pair of exciting area wins over Kinston and Houston County before closing the week's action with a hard fought loss at home to Ariton.

Following is a recap of last week's games:

Elba 71 Kinston 60

The Elba Tigers blew a 12-point lead in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, but then regained command and ran away with a 71-60 area road win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Kinston jumped out to an early 6-3 lead behind the inside scoring of Colby Tew, but Elba rallied behind the scoring of Alvin Henderson and Ty Sieving to grab a 10-6 lead with 2:09 left in the quarter, and the teams swapped baskets for the remainder of the period as the Tigers carried a 12-9 lead into quarter number two. Jacob Watkins sparked a 7-0 Elba run early in the second quarter as the Tigers stretched their lead to 19-9, only to see Kinston battle back and pull within 21-17 with 3:10 left in the half on a three-pointer by Michael Thompson. A three-pointer by Elba's Ty Sieving with 1:17 left pushed the Tigers lead to 30-21, and at intermission Elba went in with a 32-23 advantage.

Both teams struggled to add to their point totals early in the third quarter and Elba owned a slim 36-29 lead with 3:38 left on the clock. However, the Tigers Alvin Henderson poured in 10 points in the final three minutes of the stanza as Elba upped its lead to 50-34. Kinston cut the Elba lead to 50-41 with 6:12 left in the fourth quarter on a basket by CJ Lunsford, but the Tigers remained in command and were on top 56-44 with 1:32 remaining. Elba hit only 2 of 8 free throw chances in the final minute; however, and Kinston staged a furious rally and closed regulation play with a 14-2 run on a three-pointer by Colby Tew to send the game into overtime.

Kinston led by one point twice early in the extra



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) dribbles past a defender in recent high school basketball action. Henderson averaged 21 points a game last week as the Tigers opened area play with two wins.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

period, but a three-pointer by Cody Gray with 2:17 remaining put Elba on top 62-60, and the Tigers never looked back as they connected on 6 of 8 free throws in the final 1:28 to pull away and post the wild 71-60 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 24 points to lead Elba, while Jacob Watkins added 15, Ty Sieving 11, Cody Gray 10, Cameron Gray 9 and Emmanuel Cooks 2. Colby Tew scored 29 points to lead Kinston, while also scoring for the Bulldogs were Zane Martin 14, Michael Thompson 8, CJ Lunsford 8 and J. Simmons 1.

Elba 58 Houston Co. 54

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to escape with a 58-54 area win at home over the Houston County Lions.

An early three-pointer by Ty Sieving sparked a 9-0 run to open the game, and whole Houston County did pull within 9-5 midway through the opening quarter, Alvin Henderson and Javante Griggs nailed three-pointers late as the Tigers carried a 16-6 lead into the second quarter. Elba upped its lead to 24-11 early in the quarter behind the play of Griggs and Jamal Siler, but the Lions would not go

away and at the half the Tigers lead stood at 28-20.

Cameron Gray sparked a 7-0 run early in the third quarter as the Tigers lead grew to 35-20, and Elba was still on top 45-32 late in the stanza after baskets by Sieving and Henderson quieted a Houston County rally. The Lions continued to take advantage of Tiger turnovers early in the fourth quarter and pulled within 47-43 midway through the stanza. However, Alvin Henderson and Javante Griggs hit key baskets in the closing minutes as the Tigers held on for the 58-54 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 17 points to lead Elba while also scoring for the Tigers were Ty Sieving 11, Jamal Siler 10, Javante Griggs 8, Jacob Watkins 6, Cody Gray 3 and Cameron Gray 3. Isaac Walker scored 28 points and hit six three-pointers to lead Houston County.

Ariton 67 Elba 59

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in a 67-59 home court loss to the Ariton Purple Cats.

Elba's Alvin Henderson scored five points during a 7-2 first quarter run to pull the Tigers even at 9-9, but Ariton answered with an 8-0 run to go ahead 17-9

and owned a 17-12 lead heading into the second quarter. The Tigers pulled within 17-14 early in the second quarter, only to see Ariton hit three three-pointers during an 11-0 spurt as the Purple Cats lead grew to 28-14. Jamal Siler sparked a 7-0 Elba run late in the half, but Ariton never lost command and led 30-21 at the break.

The teams swapped baskets for much of the third quarter, and while Jamal Siler and Alvin Henderson combined for 14 points in the stanza, Ariton never cooled off and was on top 52-38 heading into the final stanza. Jamal Siler continued to score from in close early in the fourth quarter as the Tigers pulled within 54-47, and Elba closed to within 65-59 in the closing minutes on a Cameron Gray free throw. However, Ariton refused to surrender the lead and at the final horn was on top 67-59.

Alvin Henderson scored 22 points and Jamal Siler added 17 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ty Sieving 8, Cameron Gray 4, Jacob Watkins 5 and Javante Griggs 3. Ian Senn scored 18 points and Matt McNair added 16 to lead Ariton, which connected on seven three-pointers in the game.

LOCAL ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Zion Chapel wallops Wicksburg 68-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels returned to action with an impressive 68-47 win over the Wicksburg Panthers. Jacob Chestnut scored 30 points and connected on six three-pointers to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 20 points, grabbed seven rebounds, passed out nine assists, had three steals and blocked one shot; Brodie Stinson scored 7 points; and, Cameron Arnett and Hayden Speckert both grabbed six rebounds. Gabe Glover scored 33 points to lead the Panthers.

Brantley rolls over Bobcats 66-46

The Brantley Bulldogs took charge early and rolled to an impressive 66-46 win over the Opp Bobcats. Jayden Parks scored 26 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out five assists to lead the Bulldogs, while Jon Harper Kilcrease scored 15 points on five three-pointers and Daylan Davis added 10 points and 15 rebounds. Alan Jones led Opp with 12 points.

New Brockton downed by Daleville 58-49

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 58-49 loss to the Daleville War Hawks. Anthony Silar scored 12 points and Josiah Lewis added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Moses McDowell led Daleville with 31 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and three assists.

Zion Chapel ambushed by Luverne 50-41

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a late rally fall short in a 50-41 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Mason Stuart scored 16 points and Slade Grantham added 15 to lead the Rebels, while the Tigers were led by Omar Crumbley with 21 points.

Brantley Bulldogs beat Goshen 68-45

The Brantley Bulldogs rolled to an impressive 68-45 win over the Goshen Eagles. Jayden Parks scored 32 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out five assists to lead the Bulldogs, while Daylan Davis added 16 points and 15 rebounds.

GIRLS:

Zion Chapel zapped by Wicksburg 51-19

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 51-19 decision to the Wicksburg Lady Panthers. Bella Sellers scored 18 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead Wicksburg, while Kelsey Ellenburg added 10 points.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs top Opp 61-32

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs posted a solid 61-32 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Alex Grimes scored 18 points to lead Brantley, while also leading the Lady Bulldogs were Coco Stamps with 14 points and Anna Parker Little with 11. Kianna Barnes scored 12 points for Opp.

Brantley rolls past Goshen 47-19

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 47-19 win over Goshen. Alex Grimes scored 18 points, grabbed 6 rebounds and had 4 steals to lead Brantley, while Anna Parker Little and Coco Stamps added 10 points apiece, with Stamps adding five steals and Little handing out four assists.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Zion Chapel falls to Wicksburg 38-30

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell to the Wicksburg Panthers 38-30. Brodie Rainey and Grant Calhoun scored 9 points, apiece, to lead the Panthers.

Brantley Bulldogs fall to Opp 41-39

The Brantley Bulldogs saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in 41-39 loss to the Opp Bobcats. The Bulldogs trailed 31-18 heading into the fourth quarter and made a run to pull off the wild comeback win, only to fall short. Savon Barnes scored 17 points to lead the Bobcats.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CCAA bringing The Lettermen to Enterprise for January concert

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will host The Lettermen in concert Monday, Jan. 22, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The Lettermen have been

creating musical memories for over 50 years. Tickets are on sale now at www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com or at these (Enterprise located) ticket outlets: The Olive Fruit, The Brick Pub & Pizzeria, and Yancey Parkers.

Feb. 12th is deadline to register to vote in Alabama's March 5 Primary Elections

Coffee County officials remind voters that Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, E. McKinnon St., New Brockton, AL.

Any person may register to vote, provided they:

- are a citizen of the United States;
- live in Alabama (and the county of registration);
- are at least 18 years old on or before election day;
- are not barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction; and
- have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 894-5347.

For further information: Coffee County Board of Registrars
4 County Complex,
Highway 84W
New Brockton, AL

Alabamians may obtain an application or register to vote online at <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>. They may also obtain a voter registration application at Driver License Offices, Libraries, and at Alabama Public Assistance offices such as Medicaid, WIC and DHR.

Visit Coffee County's website for upcoming election information

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites voters to visit the election website: www.coffeecountyvotes.com While there, one can:

- *Register to vote
- *Check your registration status
- *View a sample ballot
- *Find your polling location
- *View the offices up for elections
- *View a current list of elected officials
- *Apply to become a poll worker
- *Apply for an absentee ballot, and much more!



Individuals participating were in the special needs Christmas party were: (back row) Linda Leib, Caroline Gebhart, Linda Peterson, Bonnie Gilmore, Julie Mills, Debbie Godfrey, Sonja Morgan, Carol Bass, and Brandy Woodham; and (front row) Leslie Adams, Jane Baxley, Santa, Pat Green, and Debbie Shelton.

Two Enterprise civic clubs host special needs Christmas Party

Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise and the Enterprise Rotary Club recently held a special needs Christmas party in the Baptist Center in Enterprise.

Pat Green, the LPCE chair for the Christmas Party, did another excellent job of contacting the schools for a list of special needs individuals, getting their wish lists and inviting them and their parents to attend. Members of the two clubs met one evening to purchase a gift from the wish list for each person and then met the following week to wrap the gifts.

LPCE members decorated the hall and placed the gifts

under the Christmas tree. Individuals attending checked in upon arriving to get their name tag and a "goodie" basket filled with many special gifts. Singing of Christmas carols was followed by enjoying cheeseburgers, chips, a Christmas tree cake and drink.

The highlight of the evening - Santa appeared and as each name was read, the gift was delivered to the individual.

Special thanks to all the members of the two clubs that assisted with this project. Many members from each club volunteered to make the evening a success.



Christmas Bags for Seniors...Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise recently filled 40 large Christmas bags with nonperishable food items and hygiene and paper products. A Christmas card signed by the members, which included \$10 that was donated, was included. The bags were delivered to Anita Cawley, Community Retirement Center Manager of the Enterprise Retirement Center, to be given to the current residents. Those pictured above with the bags include: Linda Leib, Sandra Danford, Caroline Gebhart, Julie Mills, Brandy Woodham, Beverly Ulrech, Sonja Morgan, Gina Oates, Rhonda Welch, Bonnie Gilmore, Jane Baxley, Leslie Adams, Debbie Godfrey, Fran Walters, and Linda Peterson.

Happening at the Elba Public Library:

- The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 - Preschool Storytime resumes Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m. Children ages 2-5 are invited to participate.
 - Book Club meets Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m.
 - Homeschool Hangout resumes Thursday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. This is for home-schooled children of all ages.
 - Make-It-Monday will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 5:30 p.m. This program is free to all participants.
- Call the Elba Public Library at (334) 897-6921 for more information.

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Local students named to Troy University's fall Chancellor's List

Troy University releases the names of students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the Fall Semester and Term 2 of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The Fall Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 2 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who made the list include:

FROM ELBA, ALA.: Raegan Bragg, Stephen Williams, Lila Thompson, Skyler Nalley, Kacy Kelley, Zachary Lowery, and Britton Coppage

FROM JACK, ALA.: Anice Thompson and Stetson Adcock

FROM NEW BROCKTON, ALA.: Michael O'Neill, Jaden Boland, Emily Turner, and Jayleana Teele

FROM KINSTON, ALA.: Rebecca Senn, and Tripp Hawthorne

Absentee voting applications for March Primary Elections available

Please note that Thursday, Feb. 29, at 4:30 p.m., is the deadline to apply in person for absentee ballots for the March 5th Primary Election.

Beginning Jan. 10, 2024, applications for absentee voting will be available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton. Absentee Election Manager is Debbie Kinsaul. Mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL, 36351. The physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.

- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.

- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.

- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.

- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee

Voting Act.

- The voter is a caregiver for a family member who is confined to their own home.

- The voter is incarcerated in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.

Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may receive additional information by contacting the Board of Registrars' office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options.

Completed ballots must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama no later than one day prior to the election, or if mailed through the United States Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than one day prior to the election.

Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.

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